GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2527
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IMMORAL TRAFFIC ACT, 1956
SU THIRUNAVUKKARASAR

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposed to make stringent and drastic changes in the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956 in view of increasing prostitution;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. The amendments proposed in the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956 would include replacing the term `child' with the phrase `a person less than 18 years of age', imposition of higher penalties and fines for offences committed under various sections of the Act such as keeping a brothel or allowing premises to be used as a brothel, living on the earnings of prostitution, procuring, inducing and inducting persons for the sake of prostitution, detaining a person in premises where prostitution is carried on, besides certain changes of consequential nature.

(c) Does not arise.